

Disaster News

1. ADDITIONAL DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS IN ORLEANS PARISH

BATON ROUGE, La. — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) announced today that a second Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is opening in Orleans Parish Tuesday, October 11, at 9 a.m. Thirty-one centers are now open in Louisiana to serve the needs of the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. All centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week until further notice, except for Plaquemines Parish, which is open 8 a. m. to 6 p.m., due to a local curfew.

Orleans Parish

Jewish Community Center

5342 St. Charles Ave.,

New Orleans, La. 70115

Victims of the hurricanes are urged to register for assistance first by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

or logging on to www.fema.gov. The TTY number is 1-800-462-7585 for people who are speech- or hearing-impaired. People without telephones or Internet access can use these services for FEMA registration at any of the DRCs located across the state. After applying, those who have questions may meet face-to-face with recovery specialists.

Representatives of state, federal, and voluntary agencies, as well as Customer Service Representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Disaster Assistance, will be on hand to answer questions and provide recovery information. **No cash, checks, debit cards or vouchers are distributed at DRCs.** These centers are for the dissemination of information to assist in victim recovery. Written materials about various assistance programs are also available to individuals and business owners.

A list of open DRCs can be found at the end of this release.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003

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SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs

or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

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Editors: For more information on Louisiana disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or www.ohsep.louisiana.gov.

FEMA/STATE DRCs 3-3-3

Ascension

13192 Airline Highway

Gonzales, LA 70737

Avoyelles Parish

635 East Tunica Dr.

Marksville, LA 71351

Bossier and Caddo Parishes

Old Summergrove Baptist Church

2820 Summer Grove Dr.

Shreveport, LA 71118

East Baton Rouge Parish

1 & 2 Maritime Place

101 France St.

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Iberia Parish

601 West Admiral Doyle Dr.

New Iberia, LA 70546

Iberville Parish

Iberville Parish Library

24605 J. Gerald Barrett Blvd.

Plaquemine, LA 70764

Jefferson Davis Parish

208 Shankland Avenue

Jennings, LA 70546

Jefferson Parish

Westside Shopping Center

West Bank Expressway, Unit 13 Gretna, LA 70053

Lafayette Parish

Harvest Church International

111 Liberty Ave.

Lafayette, LA 70508

Lafourche Parish

Jake's Department Store

513 St. Mary St.

Thibodaux, LA 70301

Lafourche Parish

4560 US Highway 1

Raceland, LA 70394

Livingston Parish (Denham Springs)

Old Jamboree Bldg.

9554 US Highway 190

Walker, LA 70785

Orleans Parish

Jewish Community Center
5342 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, La. 70115
Orleans Parish
Landry High School
Whitney Ave. & LaMarque Street
Algiers, LA 70114

Plaquemines Parish
Belle Chasse Auditorium
8398 Highway 23
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Point Coupee Parish
Scott Civic Center
1200 Major Parkway
New Roads, LA 70760

Quachita Parish
Civic Center Convention Hall
401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expwy
Monroe, LA 71210

Rapides Parish
Old Office Max Bldg.
2255 Macarthur
Alexandria, LA 71301

St. Charles Parish
Bingo Hall

13145 Hwy 90
Boutte, LA 70039

St. Helena Parish
Masonic Lodge
6273 La. Hwy 10
Greensburg, LA 70441

St. James Parish
Lions Club Bldg.
29126 Health Unit St.
Vacherie, LA 70090

St. John the Baptist Parish
160 Belle Terre
La Place, LA 70068

St. Tammany Parish
John Slidell Municipal Park Recreation Center
105 Robert Road
Slidell, LA 70548
St. Tammany Parish
La-Z Boy Center
31-A Park Place
Covington, LA 70433

Tangipahoa Parish
Old Winn Dixie Bldg.
727 West Oak

Amite, LA 70422

FEMA/STATE DRCs 4-4-4

Terrebone Parish

805 Barrow St.

Houma, LA 70360

Vermilion Parish

407 Charity St.

Abbeville, LA 70510

Washington Parish

(Old Barnes Furniture Bldg.)

539 Avenue

Bogalusa, LA 70427

Washington Parish

Hillcrest Baptist Church

2201 East Washington St.

Franklinton, LA 70438

Webster Parish

(Old Wal-Mart Store)

1100 Homer Rd.

Minden, LA 71055

West Baton Rouge Parish

4722 Highway 190 West

Port Allen, LA 70767